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Treasury Department  
December 13<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Sir,

There being a demand at New Orleans  
for dimes and half dimes, will you please  
direct the Branch Mint to make coins of  
those denominations.

I am Very Respectfully  
~~Yours~~  
Secretary of the Treasury

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